

Senate File 116 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the obtaining of a religious exemption from
2 the required immunization of a person enrolling in any
3 elementary or secondary school or a licensed child care
4 center.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 139A.8, subsection 4, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The applicant, or if the applicant is a minor, the
4 applicant's parent or legal guardian, submits an affidavit
5 signed by both the applicant, or if the applicant is a minor,
6 the applicant's parent or legal guardian, and the leader of the
7 local congregation of a recognized religious denomination of
8 which the applicant is an adherent or member, stating that the
9 immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a the
10 recognized religious denomination ~~of~~ to which the applicant
11 ~~is an adherent or member~~ local congregation belongs, and
12 that the applicant is a member in good standing of the local
13 congregation.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to the obtaining of a religious exemption
18 from the required immunization of a person enrolling in any
19 elementary or secondary school or a licensed child care center.
20 Currently, an applicant, or if the applicant is a minor, the
21 applicant's parent or legal guardian, must submit an affidavit
22 signed by the applicant, or if the applicant is a minor, the
23 applicant's parent or legal guardian, stating that the required
24 immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a
25 recognized religious denomination of which the applicant is an
26 adherent or member in order to be exempt from the immunization
27 requirement. The bill amends this provision to also require
28 that, in addition to the applicant, or the applicant's parent
29 or legal guardian, the leader of the local congregation of a
30 recognized religious denomination of which the applicant is
31 an adherent or member, sign the affidavit stating that the
32 required immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices
33 of the recognized religious denomination to which the local
34 congregation belongs and that the applicant is a member in good
35 standing of the local congregation.